

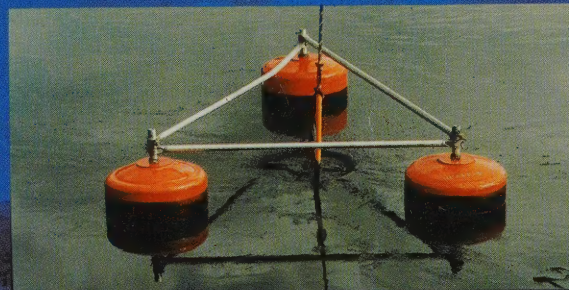
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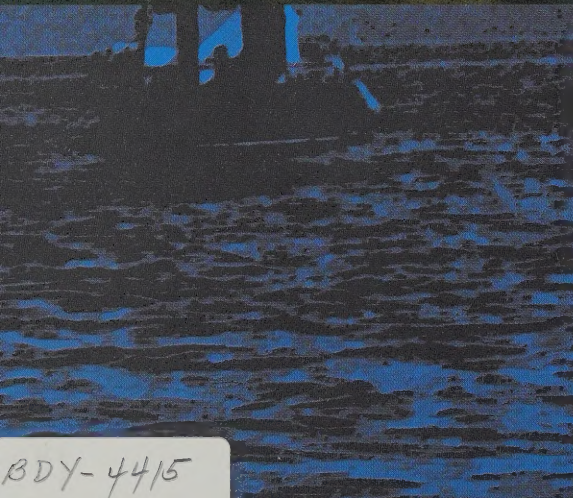
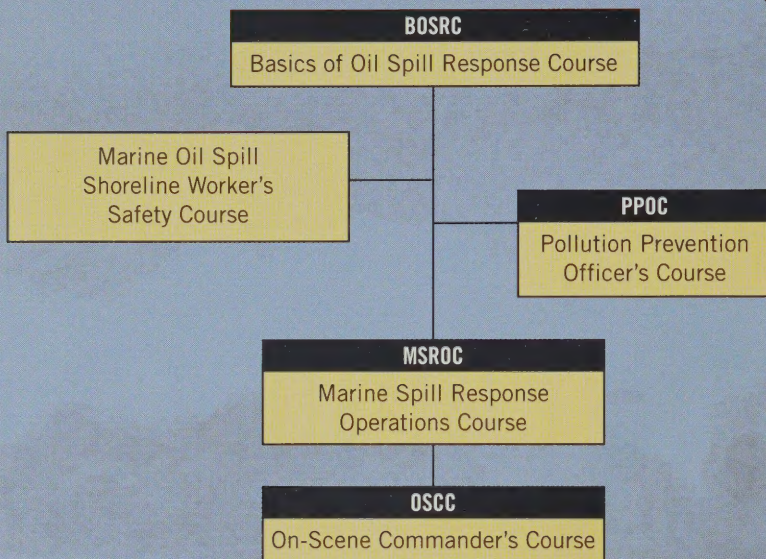
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Environmental Response National Training Program Flow Chart



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The Canadian Coast Guard has the responsibility to ensure that proper measures are implemented to reduce the potential adverse effects of a marine emergency incident. The Environmental Response Division has the prime responsibility to ensure that appropriate prevention, reporting, surveillance and response capabilities are available to deal effectively with an accidental discharge of oil or other noxious substances in Canadian Waters.

The Environmental Response Division has a well-trained experienced workforce and their Training Program is designed to cover all of the crucial aspects involved in responding to marine oil spill incidents. The gradual building of skills, knowledge and experience is central to developing skilled personnel. This training program ensures that each course builds on one another. Refresher training as well as exercising are other key components of the overall training program.





Environmental Response National Training Program

The Environmental Response National Training Program covers everything from the basics of oil spill response to the management of overall operations. This is to ensure that all parties within the marine response community have the necessary knowledge and skills to respond safely, effectively and efficiently to spills in the marine environment.

This National Training Program ensures a good working relationship between the Canadian Coast Guard and the marine response community.







National Training Courses offered

Basics of Oil Spill Response (BOSRC)

The BOSRC was developed to train personnel who undertake the actual physical response work resulting from a marine oil spill and coastal cleanup operation. It consists of classroom and on-water training over a period of four days. The participants are expected to pass a written site safety test as well as three equipment deployment tests. This course is strongly recommended prior to attending the Marine Spill Response Operations Course.

Marine Spill Response Operations Course (MSROC)

The MSROC is designed for On-Scene Commanders of relatively minor spills and Operations Officers who are tasked with the management and coordination of clean-up, recovery and restoration activities encountered during marine spill response operations. This five-day course is primarily a classroom training session, which includes case studies and a simulation exercise. This course is strongly recommended prior to attending the On-Scene Commander's Course.

On-Scene Commanders Course (OSCC)

This five-day course is intended for On-Scene Commander's of spills of moderate to major significance. This program builds on the management skills already acquired by the candidates as well as provides them with and appreciation of the issues and pressures that may arise during these types of incidents.

Pollution Prevention Officer Course (PPOC)

Pollution Prevention Officers enforce the *Canada Shipping Act* under the regulations concerning Oil Spill Pollution into the Marine Environment.

This five-day course is only given to the Canadian Coast Guard and other Government Agencies who are tasked with these duties. There is also a modified version of this course entitled the "Aerial Surveillance PPO Course" and it is tailored to those who enforce the marine pollution prevention regulations through aerial surveillance.



Marine Oil Spill Shoreline Worker's Safety Course

This four-hour video-based course is designed for any member of the marine spill response community who will/may be involved in the cleaning of oiled shorelines.

Participants are taught the safety issues related to the cleanup of spilled oil and other related safety concerns when working on a marine spill site. Participants are expected to pass a written/oral test.

Exercise Planning, Conduct and Evaluation Course

This three-day course is designed for members of the National Marine Spill Response Exercise Program. It covers the planning, conducting and evaluating of oil spill response exercises.



...more than just training programs

Raising awareness and providing information to the spill response community and the public is another important role of the Environmental Response Division. Over the last couple of years, a variety of publications have been developed to meet this initiative.

Oil Spill Response Field Guide: This is a practical pocket-size booklet for responders. It is an excellent reference manual to be used during the actual response, as it allows for quick access to critical information when formulating spill response strategies.

Oil, Water & Chocolate Mouse Brochure: Designed specifically to educate elementary school students, this brochure provides general information on oil spill incidents, their cleanup and long-term effects. This brochure was jointly developed with Environment Canada.

Marine Oil Spill Shoreline Worker's Safety Field Course: This video-based training package includes an instructor's guide, video, participant field guide and a quiz.



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